

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **OKAMOTO, Morihiro**

Group Art Unit: **2652**

Serial No.: **10/781,858**

Examiner: **Wayne R. YOUNG**

Filed: **February 20, 2004**

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: **1643**

For: **INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, ITS METHOD, ITS PROGRAM,
RECORDING MEDIUM STORING THE PROGRAM, AND PLAYER**

RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
DATED November 30, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: December 29, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **November 30, 2006**.

In the Action, restriction is required among Group (I), Claims 1-3, 9, 11, 13, 16, 20 and 23; Group (II), Claims 4, 5, 14, 17, 21 and 24; and Group (III), Claims 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, and 25.

Applicant hereby elects the subject matter of Group (I), Claims 1-3, 9, 11, 13, 16, 20 and 23 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicant's rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

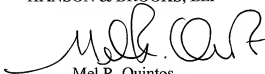
In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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